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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed October 6, 2003, having a deadline for response expiring November 6, 2003, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application the following invention:

I. Claims 2 – 12, 16 – 27, drawn to a process for producing chlorous acid, classified in class 423, subclass 472+.

Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 42 and 43, which are dependent on Claims 2 and 4, respectively, and which were not mentioned in the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, are part of Group I as well. Thus, Applicants elect to prosecute Claims 2 – 12, 16 – 27, and 42 – 43.

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